

## VIGNETTES

He keeps visualizing  
violent endings.  
Vignettes in which  
he's forced  
to fight or die.  
Driving home from  
work he loses  
himself & goes  
into battle, his  
mind a tangle  
of despair.  
His body, like  
a good old  
horse, guides  
him home.

## THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS QUIET

Their cat is perched  
on the couch arm.  
Their dog is asleep  
on the carpet.  
His wife works on  
a crossword puzzle.  
The neighborhood  
is quiet.  
The tv is  
hardly a distraction  
as he tries to  
wend his way  
thru a maze  
of memories.  
He has forgotten  
something, &  
his heart pounds.